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In re Application of

Tsutomu MURAOKA : Patent Art Unit: 3682

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For: BICYCLE PEDAL ASSEMBLY

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The restriction requirement dated May 31, 2005 holds that this application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicant is required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I – Claims 1-17;

Group II – Claims 18-30.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention recited in Group I, Claims 1-17 without traverse for examination on the merits.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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